THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Might I tell the hon. Gentleman that arms in the hands of people who do not know how to use them are more a danger to themselves than even to others? "

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" May I know whether the Nizam's Government have stationed military force on their border? ".

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As far as I know, there are no military forces but only armed reserves. We can post only armed reserves because the Provincial Government do not possess military force."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know whether the reserves on the Madras side of the Tungabhadra are sufficient when compared with the reserves on the borders of the Nizam's Dominions? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I cannot take the question any further."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" May I ask whether our Government are aware about trenches being dug by the Nizam's armies on their side of the border?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I have already said that I cannot take the question any further."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In case the armed reserves from the Nizam's Dominions make an incursion into our territory, are our police to keep quiet and report to the Government of India or can they retaliate? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The hon. Gentleman might have read what I said in the other House. I had asked our police to shoot if the armed reserves from the Nizam's Territory came into our borders, and the Nizam's Government have complained against the Madras Government for such incidents."

Working hours of the Government buses in the City.

* 18-A *Q.*—SRI H. M. JAGANNATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the working hours of the Government Bus Transport in the City of Madras have been shortened by 1½ hours;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that previous to Government taking over the Bus Transport, buses were plying till 11 p.m. in the night, and

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that the commercial public in the city who work till late in the night are put to a great lot of inconvenience as the buses stop running after 9-30 p.m.?

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" (*a*) & (*b*) There has been no change in the schedule of timings laid down for

State buses. State buses run up to 10 p.m. according to the prescribed schedule of timings. Private buses were also running to the same schedule of timings as State buses. It does not appear to be a fact that private buses were plying till 11 p.m. on the routes so far taken over by Government.

" (c) The Transport department have received no complaints alleging inconvenience as a result of the existing schedule of timings."

11-15 a.m. SRI H. M. JAGANNATHAM :—" May I know from the Government whether the State buses stop running at 9-30 p.m. in the Parry's Corner?"

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" I am not aware of the specific circumstance put forward by the hon. Member, but I believe that these State buses run in accordance with their scheduled timings prescribed for each route. Certain buses start at 9-30 p.m. and run till 10 p.m. and come to their destination and stop."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, if the Government will have any objection to examine the question of extending the running hours of the State buses?"

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" As the hon. Member knows, the capacity for a man to work is limited. There are now two sets of conductors and drivers, one set working from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the other set from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. If we extend the working hours, it means we will be treating them cruelly. Just as we want to prevent cruelty to animals, we must prevent the same to men also, Sir."

Grant of licence to the " Chitra Talkies."

* 19 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Home Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that licence was repeatedly refused on many an occasion by the authorities concerned to run a talkie in the newly constructed building called the " Chitra Talkies " near Harris Bridge, and, if so, the reason or reasons for such refusal; and

(b) whether it is a fact that licence has recently been granted to the said talkie and that it is now running its shows and, if so, who granted the licence and why was it granted now, when it was refused on several occasions previously?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" (a) Cinema licence for the theatre was refused in 1939. The theatre is located in a site which is objectionable from the traffic point of view. The street and the roads near the theatre are narrow and there is no possibility of the roads being widened in the near future. The vehicular approaches to the cinema are very unsatisfactory